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(54) **Method of enhancing fabric rewettability.**

(57) A method of enhancing the rewettability of fabrics treated in a laundering operation in which the fabrics are contacted with a mixture including a rinse cycle fabric softening conditioning composition capable of producing on the fabrics a hydrophobic surface and a hydrophobic cationic emulsion of a silicone polymer. Preferably, the fabric softening conditioning composition includes a cationic compound selected from the group consisting of quaternary ammonium salts and organic based compounds having C₁₂ to C₁₈ hydrocarbon chain molecules of amines, esters, acids or amine oxides and the silicone polymer is a highly branched and crosslinked polydimethylsiloxane.

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